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# Methuen Lake Cottage Association

## 2022 Newsletter

Plan to join in Cottage Association events by paying your dues and putting the dates on your calendar.  
***See next page for dates and details on events.***

Newsletter Delivery is by email only to addresses we have. Please share with neighbours that do not have email. Email [MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com](mailto:MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com) for contact information changes and additions. Please note your: cottage FR#, 911# (green sign) and if the information is to replace an old contact or add a new one, such as a family member who would also like to receive MLCA news.

***Dues!*** Send e-transfer to [sdatfinlay@hotmail.com](mailto:sdatfinlay@hotmail.com) (Sheila Finlay MLCA Treasurer), with security question "What is the name of our lake?" and answer "Methuen"

***Or mail to:*** Sheila Finlay  
2545 Van Luven Rd.  
Baltimore, Ontario, K0K 1C0

***Donations with your \$20 dues are welcome and appreciated!***

### ***Association Executive***

Chair: Vacant

Vice Chair: Bill Reid 905-391-7682

Lake Steward: Adele Freeman

***Association email:*** [MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com](mailto:MethuenLakeCA@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Sheila Finlay 905-396-7470

Secretary: Sheila Alexander 905-644-8390

Members at large: Adrienne Ogilvie, Barb Millar, Barry Noble, Craig Homewood, Dave Bernardo, Martha Asselin, Neil Williamson, Sue O'Dwyer, Mike Homewood, Steve Bernardo, Gemma Bernardo, Alistair Munro

# Summer 2022 Events

## **Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> - Canada Day Boat Parade and Fireworks**

Join the decorated boat parade, at Finlay's Island at **8:30 pm** or wear red and white on the dock to cheer on parade as it passes. Fireworks at **dusk**. Thanks to Dwight Finlay & Mike Homewood.

Note: Seeking volunteer to do Fireworks long term.



**Saturday, July 23 at 10 a.m. - Picnic Site Clean-up Volunteers Needed!** Join work crew to help get our picnic site ready for Action after 2 years of not being used. With lots of help we can be done quickly. Bring work gloves, rakes, and muscles!

Returning Event!



## **Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Civic Celebration Picnic & General Meeting:**

**1:00 Arrival 1:30-2:00 Games**, followed by hotdogs & fish pond, Annual General Meeting & Lucky Draw.

If you have dietary restrictions (e.g. gluten free or vegetarian) please bring what you need. ***Please bring reusable water bottles, goodies for bake table. Please provide Lucky Draw prize donations to Martha ahead of time if possible.*** Thanks to the many volunteers who organize games,

food, tattoos, etc. for making this a fun day every year.

Please sign up for children's activities (Fish Pond, Tye Dye Activity) using the google doc at this link: [MLCA Children's Activities Sign up for Picnic July 30](#). If you have any trouble accessing the document, email Sue O'Dwyer with Cottage Name(eg. O'Dwyer cottage), children's names, ages, and shirt sizes (S,M,L,XL). Thank you - the sign-up sheet helps us plan our activities however we always have some extra supplies so don't be afraid to bring along anyone that may show up at the last minute.

**Elections** will be part of the General Meeting. Nominations will be accepted for all positions. The Chair position needs to be filled and it looks like Bill Reid will be nominated, so we will be looking for a Vice Chair nomination.

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - Sailing Race 1:00 pm** start at public boat launch between Shaw's and the diving rock. Contact Dave Bernardo beforehand if you are interested in participating: [davebernardo@gmail.com](mailto:davebernardo@gmail.com).

## **Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 to 7:30 - Bass Derby**

One day only! Kids, teens & adults are encouraged to participate. Barry Noble and Neil Williamson plan to have a boat with a flag on the lake near the small island to weigh fish and record weight & dimensions, facilitating catch & release. Trophies to the winners of each division: Children 10 & under; Teens 11 to 18; Adults.

Returning Event!

## **Saturday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Corn Roast 5:00 Arrival, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30-10:00 Band.**

Bring a potluck dish, ***cutlery and reusable plates*** & enjoy music, dancing and year-end visits with neighbours. ***Please note: No glassware on this site to keep beach volleyball court safe for bare feet!*** Thanks again to Bernardos for hosting this event and to Millars for buying and cooking corn.



## *Fall 2022 Events*

### **Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Triathlon**

The Methuen Lake triathlon is back this year after a very successful race last year. Details of the course will be provided closer to the date, but will be a combination of swim, kayak and running between the Landry and Bernardo cottage. This year we will also be organizing a kids version as well to kick off the events.

Please email Melinda if you would like to participate this year. [Melindamaggisano@gmail.com](mailto:Melindamaggisano@gmail.com)

### **Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 4.7 km Walk/Run Event**



Register with Alistair at [alistairmunro@me.com](mailto:alistairmunro@me.com) by Friday, September 9. All ages, runners and walkers welcome. All participants will be required to sign a waiver. Check the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Meet at the top of the hill approximately 2.5 km from Sandy Lake Road on Johnston Drive, - Fire Route 84. There is room for some vehicle parking at the starting point. Boat parking available at Munro/Bowry, Millar's and O'Dwyer's docks. Runners and walkers will proceed to Sandy Lake Road - turn around and return to the starting point. Handheld timing will be recorded for all participants. Map attached. Simple brunch after at the Munro/Bowry cottage, - 536 FR 84.

### *From Members . . .*



**Looking for something to read?** Stop by the Homewood cottage to peruse Joan's little lending library or the lending library on FR83.

**If you want to discuss what you read...**join the Book Club. If interested contact Martha Asselin ((416) 845 7025 or [martha.asselin@sympatico.ca](mailto:martha.asselin@sympatico.ca)) or Barb Millar (705-761-1801)

The first Book Club meeting is **July 17 at 2PM** on the McCarthy-Asselin dock to discuss books we have recently read; pick 3 - 4 books to discuss over the summer! Please call for directions OR just come!

**Methuen Lake History** Craig Homewood is continuing to collect and compile stories about the history of cottaging on Methuen Lake. He has a great start, but would like to hear from others. Please get in touch with Craig at [LCraigHomewood@gmail.com](mailto:LCraigHomewood@gmail.com) to share stories about the origins of cottaging on Methuen Lake.

**Methuen Lake Swap Doc** Let fellow cottagers know about things you have to sell or give away or things you may be looking for. Please keep this link among Methuen Lake Cottagers. [Methuen Lake Swap Doc](#).

**In case of Emergency!** Defibrillators are available:

- 1) on the island inside the back door of Finlay's cottage.
  - 2) At Bill and Karen Reid's Lot 66-41 FR84A
  - 3) At Steve and Gemma Bernardo's Lot 29a FR83.
- Fire water pump on Finlay's island.

## *From the Association . . .*



**Lake Steward** - Surface water testing for E. coli will proceed in July. White balloons on sticks at the shoreline can be used to deter Canada Geese. Stay safe and enjoy the natural wonder we have the opportunity to experience.

**Loon Watch** – Please remind visitors boating on the lake to slow down and give right of way to the loons. Contact Adele Freeman at [freeman.ea@gmail.com](mailto:freeman.ea@gmail.com) or 705-656-9550 with other loon news.

**About our Roads** – The Cottage Association has no responsibility for the roads into your cottage but we are often asked questions. The two “road associations” are run by volunteers who work hard on your behalf, collecting fees, coordinating road work, etc. For information please contact: [johnstonroad2019@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonroad2019@gmail.com) for North Road FR84 and [glengail.warnock@gmail.com](mailto:glengail.warnock@gmail.com) for South Road FR83

**On the Political Front** – There is a municipal election on Monday, October 24, 2022. See <https://www.hbmtwp.ca/en/township-services/elections.aspx> for details.

Be respectful of fire bans.  
Watch for signs.

